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Patent Application

Applicant(s): A.B. Piccirilli et al.
Case: 1-75
Serial No.: 09/262,530
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph of the Abstract beginning on page 17, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A method of optical communication having improved security is described. The data content of an initially provided data signal is apportioned among two or more distinct optical wavelength channels. A transmitted signal spans these two or more channels. A respective portion of the data content of the transmitted signal is allocated to each of the optical wavelength channels. In certain embodiments of the invention, each such portion comprises data placed in the pertinent wavelength channel during assigned time windows.--



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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Amendment and Response to Office Action.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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